

Great Start Readiness Program

FY 17-18 Executive Budget Overview, including
formula redesign, to House Appropriations
Subcommittee for School Aid and Education

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Section 32d Proposal(s)

Section 32d(1) and 32d(3)

- Maintains funding level at \$243,600,00 for delivery of the program, and \$300,000 to continue longitudinal evaluation of children who have participated in GSRRP

Sections 32d(5)b and 32d(11)

- Changes income eligibility parameters:

Current: 90% of all children enrolled must meet 250% of FPL

Proposed: ALL (or 100%) of children enrolled must meet 250% of FPL

Current: an allowance for children to be served up to 300% of FPL under certain conditions

Proposed: no allowance for children over 250% of FPL

Section 32d Proposal(s)

Section 32d(18)

- Maintains requirement to charge tuition based on a sliding scale fee for children over income.

This is a technical discrepancy with prior sections changes. Becomes a moot issue if either over income provision is maintained. Preference is to keep language allowing for between 250-300% FPL and change 90% to ALL children meeting income eligibility.

Sections 32d(14) and 32d(19)

- Updates wording to clean up slot/child issue and to be consistent with changes in section 39

Section 39 Proposal(s)

- **Great Start Collaborative endorsement**
 - Current: Requires the GSRP community needs assessment be endorsed by the Great Start Collaborative
 - Proposed: Deletes explicit language requirement, but allows the Department to decide if it is included in the application
- **Population estimates**
 - Current: Department allows ISDs to determine
 - Proposed: Department prepopulates based on a single data source
- **Considering the breadth of early childhood providers**
 - Current: Require assessment of all early childhood options to eliminate supplanting, to the extent possible
 - Proposed: Solely focuses on supplanting with federally-funded Head Start

Section 39 Proposal(s)

- **Wait lists**
 - Current: ISDs are required to maintain a wait list of eligible children to be able to fill spots resulting from transiency
 - Proposed: Delete this requirement, but allows the Department to decide if it is included in the application
- **Maintains requirement for ISDs to submit a program implementation plan to department.**
- **Formula redesign**
 - Current: Complex formula and rank ordering
 - Proposed: Percentage of children served, statewide target, and allocating funds according to served against target
- **Maintains allowance for ISDs to serve more GSRP eligible children than funded**
- **Review of program/funding mechanisms**
 - Current: No requirement
 - Proposed: Department does an internal review of GSRP biennially and a more robust review with external stakeholders minimally every 5 years

So What Was Achieved with Redesign?

To develop a recommended formula that:

1. Ensures equitable distribution/levels playing field
- Identifies a statewide target for serving children that continues to promote greater equity of access over time.
2. Uses reliable data
- Simplifies needs assessment by using standard U.S. Census ACS data across districts by MDE pre-populating the need in each ISD and then ISDs determine program options to serve that need
3. Is responsive, not reactionary
- Is able to accommodate increases and decreases in funding by legislature
4. Is transparent and easy to understand
- Replaces complex ISD poverty ranking with easily identified percentage of eligible children served
5. Ensures stability
- Holds all ISDs harmless to a level of funding based on prior-year served; and, is reconciled and adjusted for every three years based on U.S. Census ACS population data

Questions?

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